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Credentials of representatives to the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Second report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Polly **Ioannou** (Cyprus)

1. The Credentials Committee held its second meeting on 23 June 2006.

2. The Secretariat provided additional information on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as at 23 June 2006.

3. According to that information, in addition to the States listed in paragraph 5 of the first report of the Committee (SPLOS/142), formal credentials issued by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following five States participating in the sixteenth Meeting: Australia, Cameroon, Mauritius, Namibia and Nauru. Thus, 67 States parties have submitted formal credentials.

4. Furthermore, in addition to the States listed in paragraph 7 of the first report of the Committee, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sixteenth Meeting had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities or through local United Nations offices by the following five States participating in the sixteenth Meeting: Benin, Bulgaria, Gabon, Pakistan and Samoa. Thus, 47 States parties have submitted information concerning the appointment of representatives.

5. The Chairperson proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives as mentioned in the information provided by the Secretariat during the second meeting of the Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives whose appointment has been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies,

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permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities or through local United Nations offices would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in the information provided by the Secretariat on 23 June 2006 during the second meeting of the Credentials Committee,

"*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

6. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

7. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the sixteenth Meeting the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 9). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

8. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the sixteenth Meeting.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

9. The Credentials Committee recommends to the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"**Credentials of representatives to the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

"*The sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*,

"*Approves* the second report of the Credentials Committee."